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SUBJ: DR. SAMUEL ADAMS VISIT TO UPPER VOLTA

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY LISTING OF PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES
OF AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR DR. ADAMS IN UPPER VOLTA
AUGUST 11-14.

1. DR. ADAMS WITNESSED FREEFALL AIRDROP OF SIX TONS
US SORGHUM BY TWO FRENCH NORD ATLANS AIRCRAFT AUGUST 12 AT
BOGANDE 150 KMS NORTHEAST OF OUAGADOUGOU. BOGANDE IS CUT
OFF BY RAINS FROM ACCESS TO DISTRIBUTION POINTS FOR RELIEF
SUPPLIES. AIRDROP WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL WITH VIRTUALLY NO
LOSS OF SORGHUM, WHICH HAD BEEN WRAPPED IN THREE SUPPLEMENTARY
JUTE SACKS FOR PROTECTION. UPON ARRIVAL OUAGADOUGOU THE
PREVIOUS AFTERNOON FROM NIAMEY, DR. ADAMS HAD OCCASION
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INSPECT THE EMBASSY/PEACE CORPS/RED CROSS SACKING

OPERATION, PLUS DISCUSS AIRDROP AND AIRLIFT QUESTIONS WITH CREW AND PARATROOPERS OF BELGIAN C-130 THEN LEAVING UPPER VOLTA AFTER TEN DAYS' STAY.

2. AFTER BOGANDE VISIT, ADAMS FLEW TO DJIBO IN NORTHERN DISASTER AREA FOR LUNCH AND DISCUSSIONS OF FAMINE RELIEF ACTIVITIES WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. ALTHOUGH NATIONAL DROUGHT COORDINATOR HAD ASSURED US HE HAD ARRANGED FOR DR. ADAMS SEE FOOD DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS, WE FOUND THE TOWN COMPLETELY EMPTY OF GRAIN AND DESPERATELY AWAITING NEXT TRUCK ARRIVAL FROM OUAHIGOUYA. WE THEREFORE PROCEEDED TO OUAHIGOUYA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES THERE, RETURNING TO OUAGADOUGOU BEFORE NIGHTFALL. CLEARLY EVIDENT FROM THESE CONTACTS THAT FAMINE WILL CONTINUE IF NOT GET WORSE IN NORTHERN AREA UNTIL HARVEST BEGINS IN OCTOBER. LOCAL ELEVAGE OFFICIALS TOLD DR. ADAMS THAT LIVESTOCK LOSSES IN ENTIRE COUNTRY MAY GO BEYOND 50 PERCENT.

3. USEFUL CONVERSATIONS WERE HELD AUGUST 13 AND 14 WITH PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE GARANGO, PLAN COMMISSIONER PHILIPPE OUEDRAOGO, DROUGHT COORDINATOR MAJOR JOANNY OUEDRAOGO, UNDP RESREP HOGEL, FAO REGIONAL DIRECTOR MENSAH, PIC ADVISOR KONATE, LGA DIRGEN. SAMAKE AND ELC SECGEN TALL. SAMAKE ENTERTAINED DR. ADAMS FOR LUNCH USING OCCASION TO REQUEST AID SUPPORT FOR LGA WATERHOLES, HOSPITAL FOR NOMAD REFUGEES AT NIAMEY, UTILIZATION OF ERTS IMAGERY, GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, AND FULL FINANCING OF DOUBLE LANE PAVING OF NIAMEY-FADA N'GOURMA HIGHWAY.

4. CALL ON PRIME MINISTER GAVE US OPPORTUNITY FOR DR. ADAMS TO PRESENT MOONSTONE AND VOLTAN FLAG CARRIED BY APOLLO XVII. EVENT WAS TELEVISED AND REPORTED BY LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO. KEY EXCERPT FROM PRIME MINISTER'S RESPONSE TO DR. ADAMS WAS AS FOLLOWS: QTE WITH THE DATE OF AUGUST 15, 1973 COMING UP, WE ARE CERTAIN THAT YOUR COUNTRY WILL BE ABLE QUICKLY TO PUT AN END TO FAR DISTANT WARS AND THAT, BY TRANSFORMING THE BILLIONS SPENT SPENT FOR WAR INTO BILLIONS SPENT FOR PEACE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE NEW IMPULSE TO SCIENTIFIC AND DEVELOPMENT AID FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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POOR AND DEPRIVED COUNTRIES LIKE OURS. UNQTE

5. MOST SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE POINTS IN OUR CONVERSATIONS HAD TO DO WITH US CONCERN TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO SAHEL NEEDS (EMERGENCY, MEDIUM, AND LONG TERM), PERSPECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING PIC MEETINGS IN OUAGADOUGOU, ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE SAHEL REGIONAL CONCEPT FOR EMBASSY

AND ADO RELATIONSHIPS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, EXTENT OF
VOLTAN NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SORGHUM FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION
PRIOR TO HARVEST, CONFLICT BETWEEN OFNACER AND NATIONAL
DROUGHT COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO WHICH ONE SELLS THE 25 PERCENT
SALES PORTION OF THE 9,000 TONS OF FREE SORGHUM, DELAYS IN
DEVELOPING PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR DRAWDOWN AID LOAN TO ELC,
AND ELC DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING PARTICIPATING GOUVERNMENT
APPROVAL FOR ELC PROTOCOLS.EASUM

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